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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 SAIGON 8112/1

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: PROGRAM FOR COMBATTING TERRORISM

REF: A. STATE 128579; B. STATE 115994; C. SAIGON 4543

FOR EA

1. WE HAVE CAREFULLY REEVALUATED OUR NEEDS AS REQUESTED IN STATE 115994 AND IN LIGHT OF STATE 128579. DURING THE PAST YEAR A NUMBER OF PROTECTIVE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AT THE CONSULATES GENERAL. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY SURVEYS AT EACH POST. REFERENCE SAIGON 4543, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE STILL CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL PROJECTS:

PARAGRAPH II, ITEM 1; PARAGRAPH V, ITEMS 1, 2, 3 AND 6.

ADDITIONALLY, FUNDS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR PROJECTS AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

OUR TOTAL ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AMOUNT TO \$128,500 OUTLINED AS FOLLOWS:

2. SAIGON

A. REPLACEMENT RADIOS (VOICE) FOR MISSION WARDEN NET.

270 AT \$100 EACH UNIT TO INCLUDE A/C ADAPTER CHARGERS AND NICAD BATTERY KITS. \$27,000

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THE MISSION WARDEN GUARD SERVICE LOCATED AT ALL RESIDENCES AND

OFFICIAL INSTALLATIONS OF STATE/USAID/USIS, COUPLED WITH TWENTY-FOUR HOUR MOBILE PATROLS AND A COMMUNICATIONS CENTER LINKED WITH ALL SECURITY UNITS IN SAIGON, PROVIDES AN EARLY WARNING AND A FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST A TERRORIST ATTACK. TO HAVE AN EFFECTIVE MOBILE DEFENSE AND RESPONSE REQUIRES AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS NET. THE CURRENT RADIOS BEING USED WERE PURCHASED IN OCTOBER 1971 AND NOW REQUIRE EXTENSIVE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. THEY ARE USED EVERY HOUR, 24 HOURS DAILY, AND HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO SUN AND WEATHER. THEIR REPLACEMENT WILL INSURE QUICK REACTION TO ANY ATTACK. THEY ALSO SERVE A SECONDARY, BUT VITAL FUNCTION, IN OUR EMERGENCY PLANS FOR RESIDENT WARDENS WHO WOULD ASSIST IN ASSEMBLING AND MOVING POTENTIAL EVACUEES. THE "TOKAI" TC-5005 TRANSCEIVER, A PORTABLE 2-WATT 6 CHANNEL UNIT WITH ACCESSORIES LISTED ABOVE HAS PROVEN TO BE A RELIABLE BUT RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE UNIT WHICH CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE U.S. EMBASSY TOKYO FROM THE L.A. TRADING COMPANY, LTD., DISTRIBUTORS FOR TOKAI COMMUNICATIONS.

B. MOTOROLA HT-220 FM RADIOS FOR SY EMERGENCY NET.

8 UNITS, 2 CHANNEL, AT \$1000 EACH TO INCLUDE RAPID CHARGERS AND NICAD BATTERIES. \$8000

WITH THE RECENT DRAWDOWN OF MARINES FROM SAIGON, WE RELY HEAVILY ON THE CONCEPT OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS AS EARLY WARNING FOR AN ATTACK AGAINST OUR INSTALLATIONS OR AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. OUR MARINE SECURITY GUARD IS NOW LOCATED INTERNALLY, WITH LOCAL GUARDS SUPPORTED BY NATIONAL POLICE ON THE PERIMETER OF OUR BUILDINGS. PLANNED EVASIVE AND DEFENSIVE ACTION REQUIRES A "MAYBE" WARNING WHICH CAN ONLY BE EFFECTIVELY ACCOMPLISHED BY USE OF RADIOS WHICH ARE CONSTANTLY MONITORED. WE BELIEVE THIS IS A SOUND BASIS FOR USE OF TERRORISM FUNDS. THE RADIOS WOULD BE UTILIZED BY MARINES AND LOCAL GUARDS AT SELECTED POSTS. HERETO-FORE, THE MARINES HAVE BEEN USING THE "PRC-25, A MILITARY TYPE VOICE EQUIPMENT WHICH IS NOT ONLY BULKY AND SEMI-PORTABLE, BUT HAS REQUIRED EXTENSIVE REPAIRS WITH LIMITED SPARE PARTS AVAILABLE. THIS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY THE CEO AS "JUNK RADIO EQUIPMENT" AND IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH OTHER EQUIPMENT CURRENTLY AT POST.

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NEITHER THE MOTOROLAS NOR THE TOKAIS ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE E&E NETS UNDER O/C CONTROL. EQUIPMENT FOR THE LATTER (HN-36'S) HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AT ALL THE CONGENS AND EACH POST HAS ESTABLISHED OPERATIONAL PLANS FOR ITS USE. THE EXTENSIVE NUMBER OF RADIO NETS IN USE IN SAIGON REQUIRES A "PURE SY NET" WHICH INCLUDES ONLY THE MARINES, SELECTED LOCAL GUARDS, POLICE, THE PSU (THE AMBASSADOR'S PROTECTIVE SECURITY UNIT), AND THE SECURITY OFFICERS. THIS "EXCLUSIVE NET" WOULD PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO COVER ANY

POTENTIAL TARGETS IN ADDITION TO THE COM. EQUIPMENT CAN BE ORDERED
THRU THE MOTOROLA REPRESENTATIVE IN SAIGON.

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C. MISSION WARDEN OFFICE REPLACEMENT VEHICLES.

TWO AT \$3000 AND FOUR AT \$5000. \$26,000

THE MISSION WARDEN OFFICE OPERATES TWO COMBINED MOBILE PATROLS
ON A 24 HOUR BASIS TO RESPOND TO THE HUNDREDS OF INCIDENTS THAT
OCCUR ANNUALLY IN SAIGON AS WELL AS MONITORING THE EXTENSIVE
GUARD POSTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

THE PATROLS CONSIST OF A DUTY OFFICER, AN INTERPRETER, AND A
NATIONAL POLICEMAN. THESE UNITS ARE EQUIPPED WITH THE CAPABILITY
TO COMMUNICATE WITH POLICE AND MILITARY UNITS AS WELL AS THE SY NET.
ALL UNITS CARRY EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR RENDERING ASSISTANCE AS
WELL AS EMERGENCY MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE CITY. TO MAINTAIN A
CONSTANT ALERTNESS ON THE PART OF OUR 900 UNIT GUARD FORCE
REQUIRES FREQUENT CONTACT AND ON-THE-SPOT INSPECTIONS WICH CAN
ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE USE OF AUTOMOBILES DURING THE MONSOON
SEASON AND THE RESTRICTED HOURS OF CURFEW. THE FOUR VENICHLES
WOULD BE FORD STATION WAGONS, OR COMPARABLE, TO CARRY THE NECESSARY
RADIO UNITS, EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND EMERGENCY SPACE. THE
ADDITIONAL TWO WOULD BE AS REPLACEMENTS FOR SMALL FORD FALCONS
WHICH HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT USE SINCE 1968 AND WHICH ARE USED BY
GUARD SUPERVISORS.

D. ARMORED VEHICLE.

THE POST CURRENTLY HAS A FULLY ARMORED 1971 CHEVROLET IMPALA FOR THE USE OF THE COM. A 1966 PONTIAC, ARMORED, IS USED AS A BACK-
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UP UNIT. OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED AS LOGICAL TARGETS BY VIRTUE OF THEIR POSITION, DO NOT HAVE THIS IMPORTANT PROTECTION. ONE ADDITIONAL ARMORED CAR WOULD PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR AT LEAST ONE OF THESE OFFICIALS OR ANY OTHERS THAT MAY BE TARGETED. ESTIMATED COST: \$49,000

E. RELOCATION OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF QUARTERS FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S PROTECTIVE SECURITY UNIT- \$23,500

WE WERE ALLOTTED \$10,000 FOR RELOCATING THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. THE SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS A COMMUNICATIONS WATCH POST AND "SAFEHAVEN" SITE FOR THE AMBASSADOR, WAS CONSTRUCTED IN THE PSU QUARTERS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. THE COMMUNICATIONS AREA CONSISTS OF A "SEMI-VAULT" EQUIPPED WITH TWO ENTRANCE/EXITS PROTECTED BY VAULT DOORS FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR. TO SERVICE AND PROVIDE DETAIL AS WELL AS THE 14-MAN NATIONAL POLICE DETAIL, THE PSU QUARTERS WERE REDESIGNED AND RECONSTRUCTED. TOTAL COST FOR THIS PROJECT (LABOR AND MATERIAL) AMOUNTS TO \$23,000 OR ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500.

F. THE AMBASSADOR'S GARAGE. \$2,000

THE ARMORED VEHICLE USED BY THE AMBASSADOR MUST REMAIN UNDER AMERICAN CONTROL AT ALL TIMES. THE GARAGE AT THE RESIDENCE IS OPEN WITH NO GARAGE DOOR, NECESSITATING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A MSG AT ALL TIMES. BY INSTALLING HEAVY SOLID WOODEN DOORS AND SECURE LOCKING DEVICES, WE CAN PROVIDE THE NECESSARY PROTECTION AND FREE THE MSG FOR MORE FLEXIBLE COVERAGE OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED AND APPROVED BY THE AMBASSADOR AT A COST OF \$2,000.

3. CONSULATE GENERAL CAN THO.

A. PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICE BUILDING \$3,000.

B. 160 FEET OF PERIMETER CHAIN LINK FENCING -\$1640.

C. THREE FLOOD LAMPS AND 2 REGULAR LAMPS-\$110.
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D. SAFETY GLASS FOR PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S OFFICE-\$360.

E. LABOR AND SUNDRY MATERIALS -\$890.
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